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Report Highlights:

On October 22, 2013, Russia notified the World Trade Organization (WTO) of a draft amendment to the Customs Union (CU) List of Goods Subject to Veterinary Control (Surveillance) (i.e., [G/SPS/N/RUS/37](#)). The amendment corrects a technical error by deleting goods under HS CU heading 2852 (i.e., inorganic or organic compounds of mercury) from the List. The 60-day public comment period ends on December 20, 2013. Interested U.S. parties are encouraged to share their comments and/or concerns with USDA's enquiry point at us.spsenquiry@fas.usda.gov.

General Information

The Eurasian Economic Commission (EEC), which is the regulatory body of the Russia-Kazakhstan-Belarus Customs Union (CU), published the following draft document on its website:

- [On Amendments to the Unified List of Goods Subject to Veterinary Control \(Surveillance\)](#)
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An unofficial English translation of the above draft document can be found below.

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EURASIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION COUNCIL

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On Amendments to the Unified List of Goods Subject to Veterinary Control (Surveillance)

In accordance with Article 3 of the Agreement on the Eurasian Economic Commission of November 18, 2011, the Rules of Procedure of the Eurasian Economic Commission approved by the Supreme Eurasian Economic Council No. 1 of November 18, 2011, and Article 7 of the Customs Union Agreement on Veterinary and Sanitary Measures of December 11, 2009, the Council of the Eurasian Economic Commission **has resolved:**

1. To delete the words “from 2852 10 000 2,” “from 2852 10 000 8,” “2852 90 000 2,” “from 2852 90 000 4,” “from 2852 90 000 7” from the Unified List of Goods Subject to Veterinary Control (Surveillance) approved by Decision of the Customs Union Commission No. 317 of June 18, 2010.

2. The present Decision shall come into force 30 days after its official publication.

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